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Evan:

FYI, we have been getting
quite positive feedback from
customers on TV monitoring.

I thought the attached on
Albanian TV was rather inter-
esting.

We are doing Albanian TV
with the Air Force using FBIS
equipment at Brindisi, Italy,
with the tapes processed at the
Austrian Bureau.


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2 December 1985

25X1 MEMORANDUM FOR: 

Chief, FBIS E & PS LRB

25X1 FROM :


Chief, Southeast European Branch
East European Division
Office of European Analysis

SUBJECT : Albanian Television Monitoring

We would like to express our appreciation for the steps FBIS has taken to begin monitoring Tirane television. We have viewed the first group of Tirane TV videotapes, done on a test basis, and found them very useful in shedding light on Albania, its leadership, people, and economy. These tapes give us a glimpse of life inside the country that is not available from any other source. We were particularly struck by shorts of leaders speaking, of the relatively basic machinery in several showcase plants, and of the extensive use of manual labor in agriculture. One analyst has cited impressions from the tapes in an Intelligence Assessment now being drafted. We urge FBIS to begin regular monitoring of Albanian TV, including the filing of VSL's on merit. 